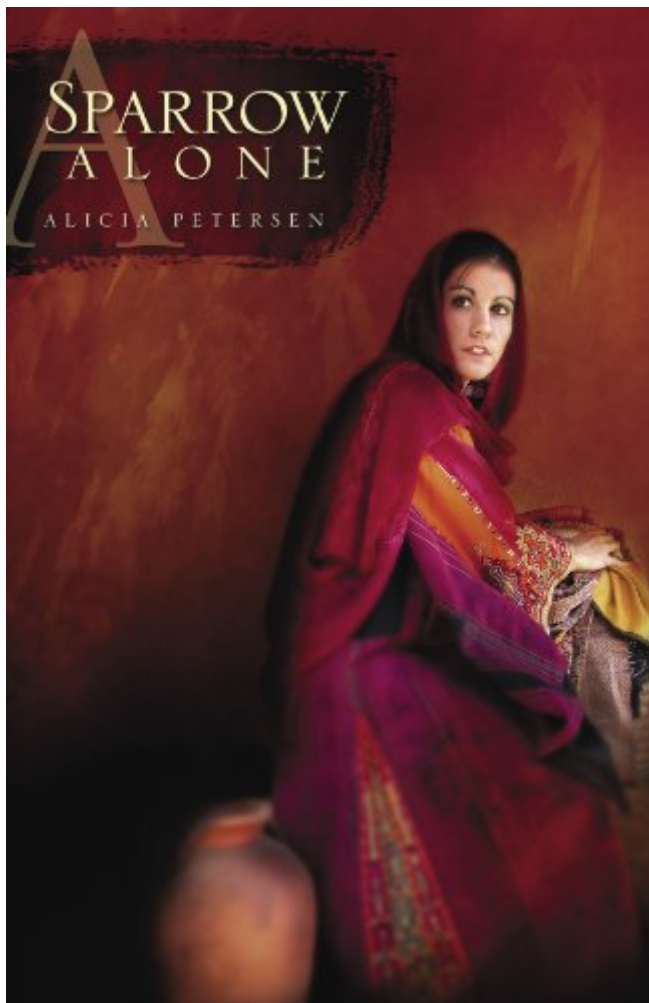


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# Sparrow Alone, A



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## Customer Reviews

Amazing book with incredible depth and beautiful imagery. This author is wonderful at transporting you to another time and place. You feel like you've been there and know the characters. Wonderful story for ages 8 and up!

Great book.

I would give it 10 stars. I just loved this book. It held my interest the entire book. I must find other books by this author. It even made me cry. thank you so much.

This story has a great idea - a girl living in the time of Jesus, her brother ends up being the thief on the cross, she personally witnesses someone healed by Jesus, etc. I expected to love it, and looked forward to reading it. I personally hate reading bad writing, and this book made me cringe at certain points. The dialogue was unrealistic, and so were some of the situations. The characters were fine in and of themselves, but the author tried too hard to portray them, and it came out as forced, plus they were generally flat and stereotypical. The dialogue literally sounded like something my 14 and 12 year old siblings would write... My sister, who is less picky about writing quality, also read the story, and even she could tell it wasn't great writing. She did finish it, but it was painful. In general I was disappointed by this story. It could have made a great story, but due to the poor writing quality, it wasn't. (For a creative take on the life of Jesus, *The Singer* by Calvin Miller is a different, but better, choice)

Good book...!

This book is a wonderful book and I would suggest it to anyone! I am a teacher in a Christian elementary school and I look forward to sharing this book with my class every year. This fiction book tells a captivating story about the life of a thief and his sister. This thief is the one who later asks Christ to be remembered in Paradise while being crucified on the cross along side Him. It is a great story that will keep you wondering what is going to happen next!

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